

b) a plurality of elongated tools each having first proximal and distal ends, top and bottom edges, and first and second slots formed transversely across each of said top and bottom edges, respectively, adjacent said first proximal ends, said [ancillary] elongated tools being pivotally attached to said second end of said housing at said first proximal ends for selective, independent movement between terminal open and closed positions; and

*at least*  
c) an elongated cover plate pivotaly attached to said first end of said housing for selective movement between terminal open and closed positions and having second proximal and distal ends, third and fourth sidewalls positioned in spaced parallel [reaction] relation to one another and bridged by a second planar wall, said second planar wall including a flange extending downwardly from said second distal end thereof, said flange positioned in engaging relation with either of said first and second slots of each of said elongated tools when said cover plate is in its terminally closed position, said third sidewall including an inwardly facing protrusion formed thereon, adjacent said second proximal end, [said cover plate being pivotally attached to said first end of said housing for selective movement between terminal open and closed positions,] whereby upon movement of said cover plate into its terminal open position, said protrusion will engage said first aperture formed through said housing's first sidewall, thereby locking said cover plate in its terminal open position, and upon selective movement of said cover plate into its terminal closed position, said protrusion will engage said second aperture, thereby locking said cover plate in its terminal closed position

[d] means for locking said cover plate in its said terminal open position; and

e) means for locking said cover plate in its said terminal closed position].

Please add the following new claims:

1            2. The tool according to claim 1 and further comprising at least one spacer element  
2 positioned immediately adjacent to and between each of said first and second sidewalls and  
3 certain of said elongated tools, whereby each of said spacer elements prevents any of said  
4 elongated tools from contacting said first and second sidewalls.

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1            3. The tool according to claim 2, wherein said at least one spacer elements are, in part,  
2 positioned within said housing and, in part, extend outside of said housing.

1            4. The tool according to claim 3, wherein said portion of said spacer elements that  
2 extends outside of said housing include an aperture formed therethrough.

1            5. The tool according to claim 4, and further comprising a key ring anchored to at least  
2 one of said spacer elements, said key ring passing through said aperture formed through said  
3 spacer elements.

1            6. The tool according to claim 1, and further comprising at least one opening formed  
2 through said second planar wall of said cover plate.

1            7. The tool according to claim 6, wherein said at least one opening is hexagonal in shape.

1            8. The tool according to claim 6, wherein said at least one opening includes three  
2 openings, each of which is of unique, predetermined dimension.

1 9. The tool according to claim 1, wherein corresponding portions of said third and fourth  
2 sidewalls include U-shaped recesses formed therein, whereby said U-shaped recesses function as  
3 a bottle cap opener.

1 10. The tool according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said elongated tools is a knife  
2 blade.

1 11. The tool according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said elongated tools is scissors.

*as added*  
1 12. The tool according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said elongated tools is a file.

1 13. The tool according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said elongated tools is a flat  
2 head screwdriver.

1 14. The tool according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said elongated tools is a  
2 tweezer.

1 15. The tool according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said elongated tools is a pick.

1 16. The tool according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said elongated tool is a Phillips  
2 head screwdriver.